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Medical Attendance - Government Hospital - Special and General
Wards - Revision of hospital stoppages - Recommendations of the
Retrenchment and Re-organisation Committee - Persons recorded

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Secretary to Government, Education and Public
Health Department, MADRAS.

No. 7461-A/48

Dated 8th March 1948.

Sir,

Ref:- Government endorsement No. 3545 G1/48-1 Public
Health, dated 26-1-48.

Sub:- Medical Attendance - Revision of charges for levy
of hospital stoppages and withdrawal of concession

The points raised by the Retrenchment and Re-organisatio
Committee are dealt with below serialim:-

1) Recovery of hospital stoppages from those who can
afford to pay. The Madras Medical Attendance Rules already
provide for this. The various amendments to Rules 13, 15 and
(15-A)¹⁶ of the Medical Attendance Rules which regulate the levy
of hospital stoppages, only show that steps have been taken from
time to time to see that the charges levied are commensurate with
the amenities provided. No further increase in the rates appear
to be necessary now.

2) Provision of paying wards in all central and District
hospitals of at least three grades A, B and C

There are paying wards in city State hospitals and certain
District Head Quarters Hospitals in the mufassal. Even in
places where there are no special wards, certain rooms or
portions of wards (which provide some sort of privacy) are
treated as special wards for the purpose of levy of hospital
stoppages. Although it is a wholesome proposal inasmuch as it
will be a source of income to the State; it is submitted that
in view of the present financial stringency, nothing further can
be done now to improve the position without incurring heavy
additional expenditure on building schemes.

3) Levy of charges at suitable rates to serve the
different classes of the population. Here again it may be

mentioned that the scales of fees prescribed in the above said rules for medical advice, treatment, accommodation, diet, X-ray examination and treatment, Blood And Blood Plasma etc are done only with a view to serve the different classes of the population. For instance, persons with income below Rs.50 per mensem are eligible for free treatment in the General wards. Persons who are admitted into the C class wards are divided into the following five income groups for purposes of levy of hospital stoppages and are charged according to the rate prescribed for that group to which they happen to belong:-

1. Below Rs.50
2. Rs.50 to 99
3. Rs.100 to 149
4. Rs.150 to 199
5. Rs.200 or more.

But patients in the A and B class wards are charged irrespective of their income. Hence it could be seen from the above that the charges are already fixed with reference to the income of the patient admitted and they are and will be a source of income to the State. There is likely to be an increase of the income from hospital receipts if the evaders of hospital stoppages are found out (by adopting suitable measures for the purpose) and the recovery of charges effected from them. There is already a proposal before the Government to appoint an officer of the grade of Assessor at the Government General Hospital, Madras to investigate into such cases - vide this office letter No.Ref. 54834~~4~~4/47 dated 23-12-47.

4. Withdrawal of medical concessions from Government servants It is submitted that this is a retrograde recommendation made by the Committee. The concessions to Government servants viz free medical attendance, nursing and accommodation, have been secured after years of representation. The Government servants and other persons entitled to free medical attendance specified in rule 4 of the Madras Medical Attendance Rules pay for diet just like any other patient in the hospital. It would be unfair to get income

from Government servants who go to hospitals for reasons of health. This suggestion of the Retrenchment Committee has not found favour with the majority of the Superintendents of the hospital who were consulted in the matter. It is recommended that the existing concession regarding free medical treatment to Government servants and their families may be continued inasmuch as the Central ^{government}, including the Railway authorities well established firms and factories provide for such concession to their employees.

Your obedient servant,

Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

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